Name.	Caste.	Population.
M.R.Ry. Radakrishna Lala Avargal	Agravala Baniya ...	2,749
M.R.Ry. Muniswami Nayudu ...	Kavarai ...	
,, Ramadoss Rao Avargal	Bhonshar Kshatriya.	
Malanga Lal Batcha Sahib Bahadur	Muhammadan ...	10,670
N. Abdul Wahab Sahib Bahadur.	Do. ...	
K. Abdul Quddus Sahib Bahadur	Do. ...	

(c) No.

(d) It is reported that no suitable person belonging to the depressed classes is available.

(f) Does not arise.

Mr. R. VEERIAN :—" With reference to the answer to clause (d), may I know whether any representation signed by the members of the depressed classes was received saying that they were not able to find any suitable person for the bench court ? "

12 noon.

The hon. Sir C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—" The answer is in the negative."

Civil Justice.

Appointment of Official Receivers as per Civil Justice Committee Report.

* 134 Q.—Mr. G. RAMESWARA RAO : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been called to the remarks made by the Civil Justice Committee, 1924–25, regarding the system of appointing local pleaders as official receivers (page 239 of the Report);

(b) whether Official Receivers in this Presidency are whole-time officers or whether they are proposed to be made so ; and

(c) whether the Government accept the view of the Committee in this respect and, if so, to what extent ?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) & (c) Official Receivers in this Presidency are not whole-time officers at present. The recommendation of the Civil Justice Committee on the subject is under consideration.

Elections.

Revision of the electoral rolls for the Legislative Council.

* 135 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state what steps are being taken or will be taken to see that the electoral rolls for the general and special constituencies of the Madras Legislative Council are revised throughout the Presidency ?

A.—The attention of the hon. Member is invited to rule 9 (4) of the Madras Electoral Rules. The electoral rolls for the constituencies of the Madras Legislative Council were last revised and published in September 1923, and are in force now. There has been no

direction by the Government for the preparation of a fresh electoral roll in regard to any of the constituencies of the Madras Legislative Council. Attention is, in this connexion, also invited to rule 9 (6) of the Madras Electoral Rules.

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" Would it not be desirable that Collectors and other authorities concerned should be asked to revise the electoral rolls ? "

The hon. Sir C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—" Not just now, as hon. Members are aware an election is likely to come on next year and in the course of two or three months preliminary steps have to be taken."

Electricity.

Alleged negotiation in London to tap the hydro-electric resources of the Presidency.

* 136 *Q.*—Rao Bahadur C. V. S. NARASIMHA RAJU : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state with reference to the Leaderette in the *Hindu* of the 13th June 1925—

(*a*) whether the Madras Government has deputed a retired official of the Civil Service to negotiate in London as the authorized representative of the Madras Government to form an English Syndicate to tap the hydro-electric resources of this Province ;

(*b*) who is the retired I.C.S. Officer who is authorized to negotiate ; and

(*c*) what are the reasons for not making a reference to this authorization, if any, in the statement made by him in the Council during the Budget discussion in March last ?

A.—The answer to (*a*) is in the negative and (*b*) and (*c*) therefore do not arise.

Rao Bahadur C. V. S. NARASIMHA RAJU :—" With reference to the answer to clause (*a*), may I know whether Government is negotiating with any firm or any syndicate in England to tap the hydro-electric sources of this Presidency ? "

The hon. Sir C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—" Absolutely not."

Mr. G. RAMESWARA RAO :—" Is any attempt being made in England in that direction ? "

The hon. Sir C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—" Not to the knowledge of the Government ; and Government is against the formation of any such syndicate."

Alleged organizing of a syndicate in London for the hydro-electric schemes in South India.

* 137 *Q.*—Rao Bahadur T. A. RAMALINGA CHETTIYAR : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the information given by the special London correspondent of the *Radical* that